



## Drainage plans a top priority

We continue to receive reports from citizens regarding excessive rain water on their property due to runoff from the west. Mayor Scott and John Langley, Mayor Pro-tem, who is in charge of City drainage, have voiced our concerns with LGI, developer of Chase Run, our immediate neighbors to the west. We were assured that LGI will handle all complaints, and to this point they appear to be responsive.

We have seen the drainage plans for Chase Run and Woodlands Hills, the much-anticipated 2,000 acre Howard Hughes development to the west and north of Panorama. They are both master-planned communities and when completed should pose no threat of flooding to PV.

Panorama Village is not a master planned community and our drainage leaves much to be desired. As previously reported in this publication, ditches are a primary concern and should be the easiest to address. Unfortunately, the ditches on Panorama Drive and Rolling Hills are the responsibility of Montgomery County and Commissioner Mike Meador has been unable to schedule ditch-clearing crews in our neighborhood. We hope to see some action on this soon.

Councilmen Langley and Nichols continue to work on the PV drainage plan prepared by our consultants, Bleyl Engineering. The first major step we took was a 60" catch basin and 36" underground drainage pipeline across the fourteenth fairway headed toward League Line. This is intended to service the 40+ homes we have added to Hallmark.

Although that was successful, we learned that a great deal of the water



Hallmark catch basin

coursing behind homes on Cypress Drive is coming from Rolling Hills just north of the catch basin. We are making provisions for remedy that. To improve drainage from the Orinda cul de sac to Lake Panorama, we are replacing one or two sections of damaged 36" pipe.

It is important to ensure that the natural downhill path of ground water not be restricted and properly directed. Poorly planned plantings, flowerbeds and fences may cause water to pond or be misdirected. Our utility department has, in the past, maintained the ditches that tended to fill in. We only have a three-man crew and they usually have their hands full just doing our usual maintenance.

Some vacant properties are causing problems for adjacent neighbors and we would like to hear from you if you have a vacant lot shedding water onto your property, or if you spot other issues restricting the proper flow of ground water. Depending on the situation, we may be able to request that property owners take remedial action and improve the water flow.

### TxDOT agrees to reexamine PV traffic noise issue

Mayor Scott and Traffic Noise Committee Chair Bob Lamons met with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation on July 10 to discuss traffic noise issues in Panorama caused by expansion of I-45 approximately eight years ago. We asked that they reexamine the issue of a noise barrier wall along the twenty-first fairway spanning the lake spillway.

The TxDOT contingent, led by Pat Henry, Director of Project Development for their Houston District, agreed to prepare a new sound-modeling program of our situation. This study would attempt to determine if a 20-foot high, 700-foot long barrier wall would benefit the required number of recipients based on cost estimates to build a wall that would eliminate our immediate exposure to I-45 and the southbound feeder road.

We're expecting the results of this study by mid- to late-August.

### Garden Club officers elected

New officers have been elected for the Panorama Garden Club's 2017-18 program year. Joan Jackson will serve as president, Charlotte Belin is first vice president, Ginger Panter is second V.P., Renee Miller and Tami Smith are serving as co-secretaries, Rachelle McWorter is treasurer and Barbara White is parliamentarian.



The Panorama Garden Club is responsible for selecting a "Yard of the Month" for Panorama Village and judging a Christmas Decoration Contest as well.

The Garden Club meets at the clubhouse on the third Thursday of each month beginning on September 21. Meetings start with registration at 10:00 am followed by refreshments and a program that concludes at noon.

Annual membership dues are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for couples. For more information, call Charlotte Belin at 281-798-2580.

### New time, date for City Council meetings

In order to accommodate the desires of PV residents and avoid conflicts with other organizations and events, City Council has decided to schedule its meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm. The meetings will continue to be held at City Hall.

This avoids overlap with Lion's Club, church choirs, bowling leagues and a host of other things. And by scheduling the start time at 5:00 pm, it also allows employed citizens to attend if they can leave work a little early. We hope to see you on August 1.

## ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

The Panorama Women's Golf Association held their first meeting on January 23, 1966, with forty members present. Elaine Allen served as the first president. The group consisted of an 18-Hole group and a 9-Hole Flight. Dues were \$10 for golfing members and \$5 for social members.

In the beginning, players started off at 9:00 am on Thursdays and didn't wait to be paired. The Game of the Day was Low Net or Low Putts for the 18-Hole group and Low Net for the 9-Hole group. On April 27, 1967, they held their first Guest Day with sixty-three players.

The next year they had their first Championship Tournament on May 23-24,

with Jane Watkins as the winner. Their first Invitational was held June 10, 1971. The group grew to 150 players by 1980, of which thirty were in the 9-Hole Flight.

Two members were assigned to serve one month of the year to set pairings and record results of play. With so many golfers, play was set as a Shot Gun Start. As the membership grew, the 9-hole players formed their own group.

The PWGA belonged to two Interclub groups. The Azalea (team play) and the Bluebonnet (individual play) Interclubs allowed them to play other courses in the area, some of which do not exist any longer. They also played in Women's

Golf Charities, open to Houston area club members.

Over the years they have had good participation in these organizations. PWGA members organized the play for a monthly game of Mixed Couples that was held on a Sunday. The year-end event was a well enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Club Championship Tournament.

Thanks to Donna Kakavas for providing information for this article. Donna has served as Historian and Scrapbook Committee member for many years earning the title of "Scrapbook Lady". We appreciate her work in preserving the history of this group!!

### Meet your neighbors party to be held August 19

We're planning another fun event to meet your Panorama neighbors, Saturday, August 19 at the Panorama clubhouse, from 6 to 8 pm. A Chicken lasagna buffet with salad, bread sticks and cookie will be offered for \$6 per person. A Children's menu of chicken nuggets, chips and cookie will be available for \$3. Drink specials from the bar and door prizes will also be provided.

We're encouraging various groups in the City to provide information about their organizations and display flyers and other promotional material advising residents how to get involved. If you are involved in a group that would like to participate, please contact Barbara DeWitz at 936-228-0622.

### Yard of the Month

Wesley and Doris Fox  
209 Deep Dale



### Ladies Association kicks off fall programs

Panorama Ladies Association's first Fall meeting on September 8 will feature a terrific "Hello Beautiful Boutique" style show featuring fashionable clothing and accessories worn by our members. The program will start at 10:30 am with punch followed by the style show at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at noon with your choice of tea or coffee for only \$15.00 including gratuity.

This is the perfect time for Hello Beautiful to introduce their new Fall styles from their boutique located at 3915 W. Davis Street in Conroe's new HEB Center. All ladies are invited to join us whether you live in Panorama Village or

not. PLA is a friendly and informative group, with ample time for socializing over lunch after the various monthly programs we have scheduled.

PLA yearly dues are still only \$30.00 from September to May of each year. Reservations are a must for these events and can be called into Carol Fletcher at 936-856-2829. (Please do NOT call the Panorama Golf Club for reservations, they must be made through Carol who is our Calling Committee Chairman.) If you are not currently a member but interested in becoming one, please contact Susie Martensen at 936-524-3636 for further information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 1** City Council, 5:00 pm at City Hall
- Aug 9** Lions Club, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse
- Aug 11** Karaoke Night, 7-9 pm at the clubhouse. Buffet \$14.95
- Aug 19** Meet Your Neighbors party, 6-8 pm at the clubhouse. Adult buffet \$6, kids \$3
- Aug 24** Talk to the Mayor, 6:30 pm at the clubhouse
- Aug 25** Live music at the clubhouse, 7-9 pm. Appetizer buffet \$10.00